

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

BUDGET BUREAU No. 88-R001
Approval Expires Sept. 30, 1944

AFFIDAVIT—OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION (GENERAL)

(This form is provided for use in activities where Affidavit—Occupational
Classification (Industrial), Form 42A, is not applicable)

NAME Eero Saarinen

SELECTIVE SERVICE ORDER No. 1245 AGE 33

LOCAL BOARD 7 Oakland Birmingham Michigan
(Number) (County) (City) (State)

Occupation: Architectural Designer (Chief, Special Exhibits Division)

It is requested that the above-named registrant, who is employed by an agency in or under the Federal Government, be classified in Class II-A or Class II-B by reason of the fact that he is regularly engaged in an activity in support of the national health, safety, or interest, or an activity in war production, and is 30 years of age or over; or has been found disqualified for any military service; or qualified for limited military service only.

Registrant's status:

- ☒ Registrant has reached his 30th birthday
- ☐ Registrant has been found disqualified for any military service
- ☐ Registrant has been found qualified for limited military service only

Agency Stamp: AUTHORIZED
GOVERNMENT REQUEST
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
Date: June 1, 1944

AGENCY COMMITTEE
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
25th & E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

I, H. S. Krider, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. S. Krider
(Signature)
Chairman or Secretary
Office of Strategic Services
Draft Deferment Committee
(Address)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 19____

(Signature of official administering oath)

(Official designation of official administering oath)

(See other side for instructions)

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CIVILIAN PERSONNEL
OFFICE OF
SELECTIVE SERVICES

Oakland County 125

MAR 20 1944 007

Municipal Bldg.
Birmingham, Mich.

(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)

March 21, 1944

(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that—

Eero

(First name)

(Middle name)

Saarinen

(Last name)

Order No.

1245

has been classified in Class 1-A

until

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(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of _____ to _____).☐ President.DSS Form 59
(Revised 8-29-43)

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(Member or clerk of local board)

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C. K. Nolen

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CLASSIFICATION ADVICE

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Local Board No. 7	04
Outgoing County	125
MAY 10 1944 007	
Munich, Ind.	
Dunlap, Ind.	
(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)	

 May 10, 1944
 (Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that—

Order No. 1245 has been classified in Class 2-A
 until June 1, 1944
 (Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.
☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of to).

☐ President.

 DSS Form 59
 (Revised 3-29-43)

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(Member or clerk of local board)

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CLASSIFICATION ADVICE

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CIVILIAN PERSONNEL
OFFICE OF
STRATEGIC SERVICES

Local Board No. / Oakland County	04 125
JUN 6 1944	
15. Original Recd.	
On (Local Board Date Stamp With Code)	

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June 6, 1944

(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that—

Eero

(First name)

(Middle name)

Saarinen

(Last name)

Order No. 1245 has been classified in Class 2-A

until Dec. 1, 1944

(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of _____ to _____).☐ President.DSS Form 59
(Revised 3-22-48)

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(Member or clerk of local board)

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Saarinen, Eero
Deferment Approved
April 1/44 for 60 days

27 March 1944

Chairman, Local Board No. 7
 Selective Service System
 Municipal Bldg.
 Oakland County
 Birmingham, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Attached are properly executed Forms 42 and 42 Supplement for Mr. Eero Saarinen, an employee of this organization, who is registered with your Board under Order No. 1245.

The Office of Strategic Services is actively engaged in the war effort as is apparent from the attached copy of the Military Order authorizing its establishment.

Mr. Saarinen is responsible for all the exhibits work of the Presentation Division. This includes design, construction, and equipping situation rooms and military schools; the development of special display equipment for conferences, pilot models of new weapons and devices, models for use by Schools and Training, and models and props for film reports, especially the target studies. Because of his outstanding capacity for original design work in any field, Mr. Saarinen has also contributed greatly to the work of other sections of the Presentation Division.

Mr. Saarinen came to the Office of Strategic Services with the reputation of being the most versatile and gifted young designer and architect in this country. Following five years of specialized study at Yale and abroad he has won every major architectural competition in the past few years, including the Festival Theatre for William and Mary, the Smithsonian Gallery of Art, and the California Post War House. In addition, he won first prize in the furniture design competition of the Museum of Modern Art and has done much pioneer work in the field of city planning.

In view of Mr. Saarinen's unique talents and specialized experience with this organization, a request that he be placed in a deferred status is considered fully justified.

Very truly yours,

Charles S. Cheston, Chairman
 Office of Strategic Services
 Draft Deferment Committee

3 Enclosures

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SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

BUDGET BUREAU NO. 23-R001
Approval Expires 9-30-43

AFFIDAVIT—OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION (GENERAL)

(This form is provided for use in activities where Affidavit—Occupational
Classification (Industrial), Form 42A, is not applicable)

NAME EERO SAARINEN

SELECTIVE SERVICE ORDER No. 1245 AGE 33

LOCAL BOARD 7 Oakland Birmingham Michigan
(Number) (County) (City) (State)

See Attached Letter

I, H. S. Krider, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. S. Krider
(Signature)

Secretary

Office of Strategic Services
(Address)

Draft Deferment Committee

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of March, 19 44

Edo D. Miller
(Signature of official administering oath)

Notary Public
(Official designation of official administering oath)

(See other side for instructions)

Official Government Request
Office of Strategic Services

by

Secretary

(OFFICIAL STAMP OF COMMITTEE)

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM
SUPPLEMENT TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
REQUEST FOR OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION

(This form shall be used only as a Supplement to DSS Form 42 in all Federal Government requests for occupational classification except for employees on replacement schedules. Use additional sheets if necessary to complete any answer.)

1. Name of registrant: **ARMO** (First) **SAARINEN** (Last)
2. S. S. Order No. **1245** Date of birth: **August 20** **1910** Age **33**
3. Local board **7** **Birmingham** **Oakland** **Michigan**
4. Title of present job: **Chief, Field Photographs Sec.** in the **Executive** branch of the Federal Government
5. Department or agency: **Office of Strategic Services Bureau or Division** **Presentation Division**
6. Description of work this registrant does: **See attached letter**
7. Date entered present job: **March 2, 1943** Station: **Washington, D.C.** Present annual salary, \$ **5600**
8. Employment record: Total experience **3** years **2** months. Related to present job **3** years **2** months.

Employee (List in inverse order)	Location	From	To	Title of Position	Total Annual Compensation
Office Strategic Services	Washington, D.C.	3/6/44	date	Chief, Fld. Photo. Sec.	\$5600
Office Strategic Services	Washington, D.C.	12/7/43	3/6/44	Consultant	\$15.55 WA
Office Strategic Services	Washington, D.C.	3/4/43	12/7/43	Chf. Spec. Exhibits Sec.	\$5600
Office Strategic Services	Washington, D.C.	10/15/42	3/4/43	Consultant	WOC
Saarinen & Swanson	Birmingham, Mich.	6/5/41	10/15/42	Partner	\$5000

9. Educational training related to present job: (College graduates omit training below college level.)

School, College, or University (Including technical)	Location	Year Attended	Graduated	Degree or Diploma	Major or Special Training
* Yale University	New Haven, Conn.	1932	1934	B.F.A.	Architecture
Academie de la Grande Chaumiere	PARIS				

*Awarded the Matcham Traveling Fellowship from Yale - June 1934

10. How long will it take to secure and train a replacement for this registrant? **See attached letter**

11. History of Selective Service Classification:

Class	Date	By ¹	If II-A or II-B State Period	Class	Date	By ¹	If II-A or II-B State Period	Class	Date	By ¹	If II-A or II-B State Period

¹ L. B.—Local Board; B. A.—Board of Appeal; Pres.—Presidential Appeal.

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12. Is the job of this registrant a key position approved by the Review Committee? no It was approved on _____ (Date)
13. Are there unusual or special circumstances which make deferment necessary even though the registrant's job is not an approved key position? yes If so, what are such circumstances?

See attached letter

14. State specifically the definite qualifications of the registrant for this job

See attached letter

15. Explain specifically the relation of this job to the war effort or to necessary supporting activities. Due to the confidential nature of the work of this office, it is not in accord with the public interest to reveal the specific assignments of the registrant.

16. Explain specifically how loss of registrant's civilian services would impair such effort or activities

See attached letter

17. How many employees do the same or similar work as this registrant? Males: 18-37 _____; 38-44 _____; Over 44 _____
Females _____

18. Describe specific efforts to secure or train a replacement (stating difficulties, if any) Attempts have been made to secure a replacement from the Civil Service Commission and from various personal contacts but it has proven to be impossible.

19. Is a replacement and training program in operation _____; contemplated _____ Explain: _____

See attached letter

CERTIFICATE

I, H. S. Krider (Chairman or Secretary), hereby certify (or affirm) that I am (Chairman or Secretary) of the Committee whose stamp is affixed on page 1 of this form and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

3/30/44
(Date)

H. S. Krider
(Signature)

PRIOR APPROVAL OF REVIEW COMMITTEE (If required under Part IV-1b of Executive Order 9309.)

*If answer to Item 13 is "yes," and the position is in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, occupational deferment not to be considered unless the Review Committee executes the following approval:

The Review Committee gives, herewith, the prior specific approval to this request required by Executive Order 9309 and Public Law 23 (78th Congress). For 60 days.

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(Date)

Elise & Eero Saarinen (Architects)	Cranbrook, Mich.	May '37	Dec. '41	Partner	\$5000
Cranbrook Academy of Art	Bloomfield Hills, Michigan	Sept. '40	Dec. '41	Instructor	\$1800
Norman Bel Geddes	New York, N.Y.	May '38	July '38	Chf. Designer	\$150 wk.
Flint Institute of Re- search	New York, N.Y.	Oct. '36	Aug. '37	Research Worker	\$600 ($\frac{1}{2}$ time)
Eklund & Saarinen	Helsinki, Finland	May '35	Aug. '38	Partner	\$2500

EERO SAARINEN

Eero Saarinen - Chief, Special Exhibits Section - Age: 33 - married with one child (pre-Pearl Harbor) - FOD: 7 December 1942.

Mr. Saarinen is responsible for all the exhibits work of the Presentation Division. This includes design, construction, and equipping situation rooms and military schools, the development of special display equipment for conferences, pilot models of new weapons and devices, models for use by Schools and Training, and models and props for film reports, especially the target studies. Because of his outstanding capacity for original design work in any field, Mr. Saarinen has also contributed greatly to the work of other sections of the Presentation Division. A notable example is his invention of the three dimensional organization chart which has proven so useful in presenting problems of procedure and work-flow through various parts of an organization. He is now in charge of a detailed presentation of OSS organization and operation.

Mr. Saarinen was placed on a consultant basis for a three-month period ending 1 March, 1944 to enable him to design the 440 family Hillside Dwelling Project for the National Capitol Housing Authority. He was classified 1A during this period but deferred at the request of his firm until 31 March. No large exhibits projects were underway in the Presentation Division during this period and Mr. Saarinen was able to carry on his work here by spending about two days a week.

Mr. Saarinen came to OSS with the reputation of being the most versatile and gifted young designer and architect in this country. Following five years of specialized study at Yale and abroad he has won every major architectural competition in the past few years, including the Festival Theatre for William and Mary, the Smithsonian Gallery of Art, and the California Post War House. In addition, he won first prize in the furniture design competition of the Museum of Modern Art and has done much pioneer work in the field of city planning. His firm, in which he is in charge of the architectural office, has designed such varied buildings as a music hall in Buffalo, a school in Winnetka, a church in Columbus, and war housing at Willow Run.

Mr. Saarinen's work at OSS has been highly commended by the Undersecretary of War, the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, the Director of the Women's Army Corps, and many others. Because of his unique talents and specialized experience with OSS, Mr. Saarinen is irreplaceable.

This case presented to OSS Deferment Committee and tabled pending discussion of the draft situation as it affects the Presentation Division in its entirety.

MILITARY ORDER

Office of Strategic Services

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, it is ordered as follows:

1. The office of Coordinator of Information, established by Order of July 11, 1941, exclusive of the foreign information activities transferred to the Office of War Information by Executive Order of June 13, 1942, shall hereafter be known as the Office of Strategic Services, and is hereby transferred to the jurisdiction of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff.
2. The Office of Strategic Services shall perform the following duties:
 - a. Collect and analyze such strategic information as may be required by the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff.
 - b. Plan and operate such special services as may be directed by the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff.
3. At the head of the Office of Strategic Services shall be a Director of Strategic Services who shall be appointed by the President and who shall perform his duties under the direction and supervision of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff.
4. William J. Donovan is hereby appointed as Director of Strategic Services.
5. The Order of July 11, 1941 is hereby revoked.

Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Commander-in-Chief.

The White House

June 13, 1942.

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12 October 1945

Chairman, Local Board No. 7
Selective Service System
Birmingham, Michigan

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that ~~Mr. Eero Saarinen,~~

Order No. 1245, is no longer employed by the Office of
Strategic Services.

Very truly yours,

John L. Cronkrite, Secretary
Office of Strategic Services
Draft Deferment Committee

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SELECTIVE SERVICE CLASSIFICATION RECORD

Local Selective Service Bd. No. 7 Address of Local Bd. Birmingham, Oakland
 Street City County State
Mich.
 Marital Status Married, Marriage Date 6/10/39, Maintains home with X : 1 : 2
 Wife Children Children's Ages

Classification Record

[illegible]

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Mr. Harrison S. Krider

FROM: Chief, Presentation Division

SUBJECT: EERO SAARINEN

CIVILIAN PRISONER DATE: 15 February 1944

EOD - Consultant - 7 December 1942
Transferred - Chief, Special Exhibits Section -
- 4 March 1943
Resigned regular and became consultant -
- 7 December 1943
Transferred - Chief, Special Exhibits Section -
- 1 March 1944
Draft classification - IIA till 31 March 1944
Age - 33
Dependents - Wife, 1 child (pre-Pearl Harbor)

Mr. Saarinen is perhaps the most gifted young architect and designer in the country. Following five years of specialized study at Yale and abroad he has won every major architectural competition in the past few years, including the Festival Theatre for William and Mary, the Smithsonian Gallery of Art, and the California Post War House. In addition he won first prize in the furniture design competition of the Museum of Modern Art and has done much pioneer work in the field of city planning. His firm, in which he is in charge of the architectural office, has designed such varied buildings as a music hall in Buffalo (\$1,080,000), a school in Winnetka (\$300,000), a church in Columbus (\$600,000), and war housing at Willow Run (\$3,500,000).

As Chief of our Special Exhibits Section Mr. Saarinen has designed and supervised the construction of the OSS PW Room, the special display equipment used in the various War Department Conferences, many of the models used by Schools and Training, the model sequences in our various film reports (notably the target studies). In addition he has contributed greatly to the design work done in our Graphic Section, an outstanding example of which is the three-dimensional organization chart which has proven so useful in presenting problems of work-flow through various parts of an organization.

Last November Mr. Saarinen was offered a unique opportunity to aid the war housing program when his

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Mr. Harrison S. Krider

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15 February 1944

firm was selected by the National Capitol Housing Authority as architects for the Hillside Dwelling Project. This is the first of the new "permanent" war projects and its location in the National Capitol will greatly influence the future course of large-scale housing.

While on this job Mr. Saarinen has continued much of his work here on a consultant basis. He was classified 1A but deferred because of the project until 31 March 1944. He will, however, be able to resume his duties in full here by 1 March 1944 and a personnel action for reinstatement has already been started. The action is, therefore, coupled with this recommendation that his deferment be requested by OSS for his work here.

H. C. Barton Jr.
H. C. Barton, Jr.

February 23, 1944

Talked with Hugh Barton regarding deferment of
EERO SAARINEN - he suggests that it not be
presented as yet - feels it will be best to let
Saarinen get on the job for a time - he has
deferment until March 31st. Saarinen is out of
town for several days in any event.

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NOTICE OF REOPENING OF REGISTRANT'S CLASSIFICATION

Local Board No. 7	62
Oakland County	125

JAN 1 1944 007

Winnipeg, Man.
(Local Board Stamp)

Date Jan. 1, 1944

The case of Eero Saarinen
 Order No. 1245, has been reopened. Any evidence you wish the Local Board to consider should be submitted to it, in writing, before the 11 day of January, 1944, at which time the Board intends to make a new determination of the registrant's classification.

Mr. Hoot says no deferment

Local Board Member or Clerk

COPY SENT TO:

1. Registrant: Eero Saarinen

TO THE REGISTRANT: BE SURE TO SHOW THIS NOTICE TO YOUR EMPLOYER. You are now under consideration for military service. If there is any substantial reason why you should not be called, it is your responsibility and not that of your Local Board to make that reason known. Regardless of any evidence already filed in your case, all facts must be brought up to date by promptly filling out and returning the attached forms. You need not appear before the Board in person. A new determination will be made on the basis of what you present in writing.

2. Employer: Office of Strategic Services

TO THE EMPLOYER: If you are convinced that this registrant meets the qualifications of a "necessary man" as set forth in Selective Service Regulations and you desire to file a request for occupational deferment, you may execute Form 424 (copies of which may be obtained from the office of the Local Board) before the date shown above on which a new determination is to be made.

SEE BACK OF THIS NOTICE FOR AN OUTLINE OF CERTAIN SELECTIVE SERVICE PROCEDURES

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INFORMATION IN REFERENCE TO SELECTIVE SERVICE PROCEDURES

1. Local Board Has Original Jurisdiction - Each Local Board has original jurisdiction in determining the classification of each of its registrants. All information in reference to a registrant's claims for deferment should be filed with his Local Board. All changes in a registrant's status, such as change of address, change of employment, or change in dependency status, will be reported in writing to the Local Board of jurisdiction. The registrant should always keep in touch with his Local Board in reference to any action on his case.

2. Registrant May Appear Before Local Board - Following the registrant's classification by his Local Board, he will receive a Notice of Classification, Form 57. Employer, or any other person, who submitted claim for occupational deferment will receive a Classification Advice, Form 59. If the registrant feels that the Local Board overlooked or did not give proper weight to certain pertinent information, he may request in writing an opportunity to appear before his Local Board to present or point out this information and to discuss his classification with the member or members of the Board appointed for this purpose. Any new information not already in the registrant's file should be submitted in writing. Only the registrant has the right to request a hearing before his Local Board. The registrant must file his request for a personal appearance before his Local Board in writing within 10 days of the date on which his Notice of Classification was mailed.

3. Appeal to a Board of Appeal - The registrant, any person who claims to be a dependent of the registrant, any person who has filed written evidence of the occupational necessity of the registrant, or the Government Appeal Agent may appeal from the classification of the Local Board to a Board of Appeal. No appeal may be made from the determination of the registrant's physical or mental condition. Application for an appeal must be made within 10 days after the date on which the Notice of Classification, Form 57, is mailed to the registrant. A person entitled to do so may appeal by either (1) signing the "Appeal to Board of Appeal" on the back of the registrant's Selective Service Questionnaire, Form 40, on file in the office of the Local Board, or (2) filing a written notice with the Local Board of jurisdiction, stating the name of the registrant whose classification is being appealed and the identity of the person making the appeal. No person may appear before the Board of Appeal, which arrives at its decision only by reviewing the written information on file in the registrant's cover sheet. When the Board of Appeal has made its determination of the registrant's classification, the file will be returned to the Local Board, which will mail to the registrant a Notice of Classification, Form 57. The employer, or other person, filing claim for occupational deferment will be mailed Classification Advice, Form 59.

4. Appeal to the President - Generally, the decision of the Board of Appeal is final in determining a registrant's classification. Under certain exceptional conditions of dependency, however, a further appeal may be taken to the President. If the registrant believes that his dependents will suffer great and unusual hardship as a result of his induction, he may wish to discuss his case with the Government Appeal Agent assigned to his Local Board, who will advise him in reference to whether there is any further opportunity of making a presidential appeal.